Claim 1. (Proposed Amendment) A method of providing network copy protection for database programs operating in a computer network, said method comprising:

sending a request for connection, said request being sent by a first database program to a second database program operating on said computer network, wherein said first database program and said second database program respectively operate on different computing platforms;

determining, by said second database program, whether another copy of said first database program is connected to said second database program; and

granting, by said second database program, said request for connection to said first database program when said determining determines that another copy of the guest database program is not connected to said database program, thereby allowing network copy protection to be implemented for database programs operating in different computing environments.

The proposed amendment adds features of claims 2 and 11.